SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: You suspend this. I don't want the Question Hiour under duress. (*Interruptions*) ... I have got accountability to the public. (*Interruptions*) ... This Question Hour costs one lakh rupees ... (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : If you want, you can move a resolution to suspend the Question Hour. (*Interruptions*) ... I will put to vote. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : What is preventing the ruling party from bringing that ? (*Interruptions*) ... I am not going to be a silent partner today. (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : If any instance is given, we will inquire into it. (*Interuptions*) ...

**वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरारअहमद)** ट्रेजरी बेंचेज की तरफ से तो पहले ही कहा गया है कि अगर क्वेश्चन आवर सस्पेंड करना चाहते हैं तो मोशन मूव किया जा सकता है। **(व्यवधान)**

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Madam, I am not satisfied with the answer. (*Interruptions*) ... There should be a half-an-hour discussion on this. (*Interuptions*) ... Madam I am not satisfied with this. (*Interruptions*) ... There should be a half-an-hour discussion on this. (*Interruptions*) ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : All right. (*Interruptions*) ...

Shri Bapu Kaldate. (*Interuptions*) ...

**Lay-off in Azam Jahi Mills Run by NTC**

*171. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of TEXTILIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal, a unit of National Textile Corporation has resorted to illegal lay-off of its staff and the staff are not being paid salaries regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of employees have left under Voluntary Retirement Scheme and some of the Officers and technical staff are provided alternative jobs by transferring them to the Head Office and other Sister Units; if so, the details thereof

(d) whether it is also a fact that the office staff who have been laid off illegally have requested for their transfer to other sister units but not agreed to by he management; and

(e) if so the details therof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY : (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) and (b) The matter pertaining to the lay-off of the surplus mill staff of Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal, a unit under NTC (A KK&M) Ltd. is subjudice in the High Court at Hyderabad. The salaries/wages of the officers, staff and workers of this mill could not be paid on time due to financial constraints. The requirement of funds of the units of NTC is met by, inter-alia, generation of cash resorces by production, bank finance and bugetary support made available by Government to NTC towards the reimbursement of its cash losses. Government have approved a Turn Around Strategy for NTC involving, inter-alia, seletive modernisation, financial and mangerial restructuring and the raitonalisation of suplus workforce under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme. NTC is expected to attain profitabity after the successful implementation of this Turn Around Strategy.

(c) 16 managerial/supervisory staff, 86 mill staff and 989 workers of Azam Jahi Mills had availed of Voluntary Retirement upto 8-12-93. Officers/managerial/supervisory staff of this mill have been

routinely transferred to other units/Head Office of NTC.

(d) and (e) The services of the mill staff of the units of NTC are not transferable as per the terms and conditions of their service.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : First Supplementary. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : No. (*Interruptions*).

**Feature Films Produced by Films Division**

*172. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the feature films produced by Films Division for educating public during the year 1993;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) whether these films have been released ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) and (b) The names of the featurette films produced by the Films Division during 1993 and the expenditure incurred thereon are given below :—

(Rs in lakhs)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Film | Expenditure incurred |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Apna Bhavishya . . | 6.60 |
| 2 | Jamun Ka Ped . . . | 8.50 |
| 3 | Looking to the Future . | 6.60 |
| 4 | Aloye Phera . . . | 8.50 |
| 5 | Bhumiputra . . . | 7.20 |
| 6 | Sapera . . . . | 9.30 |

(c) The featurette films are specially meant for rural audiences and are to be exhibited through mobile vans of the Directorate of Feild Publicity, State Government etc. These films are not meant for exhibition in cinema houses.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Madam, during the past few years more number of feature films have been produced. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what the reason is for producing only six films during the current year.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : Madam. ... (*Interuptions*).

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : I am forced to say that ... (*Interruptions*). It is a violation of the privilege ... (*Interruptions*). I don't want to ... (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Second supplementary. (*Interruptions*).

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : My second supplementary is this. The Minister has mentioned in part (c) of the answer, "The feature films are specially meant for rural audiences ...". (*Interruptions*). I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government feels that video films and telefilms can be produced for rural audiences. (*Interruptions*). Video films or telefilms can be very easily transported to the rural areas. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government would consider producing more and more video films and telefilms. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : The hon. Member has given a very fruitful suggestion. (*Interruptions*). We will examine it. (*Interruptions*).

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : I am very satisfied with the excellent reply given by the hon. Minister. (*Interruptions*).